Mountain Weather Forecast

Southwest Highlands

Including Ben Nevis, Glen Coe and the rest of Lochaber, Argyll including the Isles, Loch Lomond, Trossachs and Arran

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Sunday 03 Apr 2022 until 23:59 on Monday 04 Apr 2022

Forecast Issued on Saturday 02 Apr 2022 at 13:12 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for spell of unsettled weather through the next five days. Medium for details of rain/snow from Tuesday.

Headline for Sunday 03 Apr 2022: Rain turning heavy and persistent in the afternoon, with gale force westerly or southwesterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Sunday 03 Apr 2022

Blizzards
Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
Low Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Medium Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
High Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Cloudy	Light snow	Sleet	Heavy Rain	Heavy Rain
Precipitation probability							
00%	00%	00%	30%	80%	>95%	>95%	>95%

Forecast for Sunday 03 Apr 2022

Weather: Dry through the early hours with some clear spells or high based clouds, and a severe chill. A dry and bright start to the day but cloud will thicken late-morning, and rain or hill snow will move in from the northwest by the start of the afternoon, initially affecting the Nevis Ranges and Ben More, then spreading southeast. A very wet afternoon for all hills, with persistent heavy rain or hill snow giving drenching conditions, especially on northwest facing slopes, and widespread hill fog will give very poor visibility at times. Driest conditions will be across southeast Trossachs with mainly patchy rain. There will also be a risk of blizzard conditions for a time early afternoon, before snow transitions to rain, with strong westerly or southwesterly winds, strengthening to gales at elevation.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Greater than 90% until early morning. Lowering to 50% by early-afternoon and near zero chance from mid-afternoon.

Low Cloud and visibility: Good visibility until early morning with small amounts of low cloud with bases above the summits. Isolated cloud bases 600-800 m in the northwest by midday. Becoming moderate or poor visibility in the afternoon and evening due to rain and hill snow, and falling very poor in hill fog with widespread cloud bases 200-400 m.

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Forecast for Sunday 03 Apr 2022

Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	8/9 NW	12/15 W	14/17 SW	17/22 SW	23/32 SW	35/48 SW	31/41 SW	34/44 W	34/46 W
900	4/5 NW	6/8 W	9/13 W	12/18 W	18/27 SW	26/37 SW	21/31 SW	20/29 W	23/34 W
600	4/6 W	7/9 SW	10/13 SW	13/18 SW	21/29 SW	31/42 SW	24/34 SW	20/29 SW	23/34 W
300	2/4 NE	3/5 NE	4/5 S	6/10 SW	12/20 SW	17/27 SW	13/22 SW	13/22 W	16/28 W
Glen	5/8 NW	3/7 NW	3/6 SW	3/8 SW	10/19 SW	13/27 SW	11/24 SW	10/24 W	13/28 W

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-5/-10	-6/-12	-6/-13	-4/-12	-4/-12	-2/-12	-0/-8	1/-6	2/-6
900	-3/-6	-4/-7	-4/-8	-1/-6	-0/-7	0/-7	2/-4	3/-2	3/-2
600	0/-2	-1/-4	-1/-5	1/-4	2/-4	2/-5	4/-1	5/0	6/1
300	2/1	1/-0	1/-1	3/1	5/1	5/0	6/2	7/4	8/4
Glen	3/1	2/1	3/1	6/4	7/4	7/3	7/4	9/7	9/6
Freezing Level*	400m	300m	400m	500m	700m	1000m	2000m	2100m	2100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

There will be a significant contrast in the weather from morning to afternoon, with a multitude of hazards developing. Drenching conditions expected, further increasing the risk of severe chill.

Forecast for Monday 04 Apr 2022

Weather: Persistent rain will continue for much of the day, heavy at times in the morning across the northwest ranges. Slightly drier afternoon across the Trossachs and Ben Lomond, but predominantly cloudy and outbreaks of rain at times. Freezing levels lowering later will allow for summit snow towards the end of the afternoon. Strong or gale westerly or northwesterly winds.

Maximum wind: Westerly or northwesterly mean 40-45 mph gusting 50-60 mph.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: Near zero increasing 30-50% by midday, with best chances in southeast.

Low Cloud and visibility: Moderate or poor visibility in the morning due to rain and hill snow, and falling very poor in hill fog with widespread cloud bases 200-400 m. Cloud bases lifting to 400-700 m in the afternoon with isolated hill fog, and visibility improving to good where rain eases.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 9 Celsius falling to plus 6.
At 800m: Plus 4 Celsius falling to zero Celsius.
Freezing level: Above summits, lowering 1000-1200 m.

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